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Minutes for the Library Student Advisory Committee

September 23, 2013

Present: Johnna, Karissa, Lexi, Maggie, Kacee, Ginny, Lauren, Cecelia, Taylor, Mikaela, Mädchen, Andie, Jamee, Rebecca, Maryke.

Welcome, new members!

- Two first-year students joined our group, Jamee Williams and Taylor Walker.
- This was also the first meeting for Rebecca Seipp, the library's new Outreach, Humanities and History Liaison librarian. Rebecca moved to Roanoke from Austin, TX in August.

Should the library have a zine collection?

- Discussion: not everyone reads zines/knows what zines are, there might need to be more investigation before we know whether there is enough interest in the Hollins community.
- What would be good about a zine collection: fanzines and/or zines on popular subjects such as Dr. Who, Harry Potter; a variety of zines as objects of study, and as an example of the library's support for independent publishing.
- Suggestions: ask the community (whiteboard, survey at bookmobile), ask Chris Richter in Communications who is teaching an alternative media class this semester.

Should we do a Spring Festival again?

- Overwhelmingly: yes!
- Suggested activities (repeats): mini golf, recycled book fashion show (w/ colored duct tape & glitter please), book cart races, dressing as a literary character.
- Other: guess your literary character, costume parade, edible books, literary pub quiz, short/funny/random dramatic readings, erasure poems or other book art (allow people to work on pieces before the festival, then have judging at the event)
- Food as prizes, or gift cards to local restaurants.
- Friday afternoons are good, but not the same day as Cotillion.

Meeting dates: Wednesdays are best for the group present, as long as we end at 5:45 to let people get to evening classes. It will also help that our usual food providers are open on Wednesday.

Other business:

- Laptop cables: many echo the request made last Spring; Maryke will investigate whether we can offer this service.
- Redesign of the Lewis Room: is coming along, we may be changing things around in January.
- A kiosk with free books ("take one, leave one"): VAC has this service, as does the free store. Members would prefer it in the library; it would have to be managed to ensure that the books stay separate from the library's collection.

- Ginny would like to see the library collect Pushcart and Best American Series. Rebecca is the Humanities Liaison and will look into the series, but cannot promise we will purchase them.
- Other possibilities for events:
 - Clue game on Halloween: Maryke explained that Halloween is a hard time for the library to plan big things, as many of the staff are busy with instruction. Others wondered whether a Halloween event might compete with NEFA's haunted walk.
 - NaNoWriMo: have write-ins of a few hours, or an all night write-a-thon. Perhaps on the first day/last day; solicit final manuscripts and put them on display. T-shirts?
 - J-Term Scrabble Tournament: with food. Lauren Early offered to organize, HAB may have games.
 - Additional suggestions included a low-key social with food and drinks.